

BORDER SITUATION IS CALLED ACUTE; AMERICANS IN PANIC FLEE MEXICO

DOWNFALL OF TIRPITZ BRINGS PEACE NEARER

Crushing of Militarism Is Forecast in Resignation of Grand Admiral, London Believes.

NAVAL CHANGES EXPECTED

London Speculation Concerned With Effect on Relations With America.

BERLIN, March 16.—"In some quarters it is believed that the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz is connected with the Kaiser's decision not to extend submarine warfare beyond the limits announced in neutrals in the recent memorandum, and not to direct it against neutral ships," said the semi-official news agency today.

LONDON, March 16.—The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz has brightened the prospects for an early peace, several well-informed persons, in close touch with British officials, declared today.

The London viewpoint is that von Tirpitz's resignation is the first severe defeat administered to the so-called "Prussian militarism." The triumph of the Bethmann-Hollweg forces of conciliation over the von Tirpitzites is expected to be followed by further victories over that element in the army which has flaunted the "Deutschland Uber Alles" banner since the outbreak of the war.

AIM OF ALLIES.

Premier Asquith and the French and Russian ministers, it is pointed out, have emphasized in all their speeches that the crushing of "Prussian militarism" is the most important aim of the allies and must necessarily precede any peace discussion. Territorial claims, it is realized, can be adjusted by any board of mediators without insurmountable difficulties, but the elimination of "Prussian militarism" must be accomplished by the German people themselves. It is accepted here that von Tirpitz's downfall will be followed by a large number of resignations in the marine department. It is believed certain, too, that it will create great dissatisfaction among acc-

Senator Will Speak On D.C. Referendum

Jones, of Washington, Gives Notice He Will Make Address Saturday.

Senator Jones of Washington gave notice in the Senate today that he would address the Senate Saturday on the referendum of the Sheppard prohibition measure to the District.

Senator Jones will speak Saturday following an address by Senator Hardwick on preparedness. Senator Jones is one of the champions of the Sheppard bill and is opposed to the referendum. Senator Sheppard will soon make a speech in which he will explain his amendments to the prohibition bill.

Mrs. Raoul, Naming Mrs. Upton Sinclair, Divorced

MILLEN, Ga., March 16.—Mrs. Winifred Wadley Raoul today was granted an absolute divorce from William Green Raoul, whom she had charged with undue fondness for the former wife of Upton Sinclair. The jury decided in twenty minutes. The trial started yesterday. Mrs. Raoul was her own star witness. She said her husband had forced her to invite Mrs. Sinclair to their home.

\$19.75 via Atlanta to Jacksonville and return March 20. Special excursion, Southern Railway. Consult agents.—Adv.

Allies Attempt to Win Over Sweden

Acquiescence in Blockade of German Baltic Ports Russian Desire.

BERLIN (via wireless), March 16.—Russia and England are now making efforts to win Sweden to the side of the allies, despite the Sweden's distrust of Russia and their bitter feeling over the English blockade. The Russian minister to Stockholm is quoted in dispatches received here today as declaring that Sweden and Russia should co-operate to control the Baltic.

No fear is felt by German officials that the newest allied diplomatic plan will be successful. Popular feeling against England and Russia is said to be so deep rooted in Sweden that the government will give no serious consideration to any move of this sort, it is said.

The primary aim of the Anglo-Russian diplomats, it is reported, is to obtain Sweden's passive acquiescence in a blockade of Germany's Baltic ports. The allies then would count upon throwing a blockade around Germany without effective protest by the United States.

FRENCH SMASH AT GERMAN POSITIONS

Win Successes at Three Point During Lull in Fighting at Verdun.

LONDON, March 16.—French troops, during another lull in the Verdun fighting, have delivered strong attacks against the German front at three widely separated sectors of the western battle line.

The French war office this afternoon claimed success in a skirmish east of Apremont forest, southeast of Verdun where French troops took several prisoners.

The French official statement also reported the wrecking of German trenches in Belgium.

The official statement from the German war office reported that the French had attacked the German front in the Champagne, south of St. Souplet and west of the Somme-Py-douain road.

The attacks were repulsed, Berlin reported, the Germans taking 12 prisoners and two machine guns. Both war offices agree that there has been no infantry fighting on the northern front of Verdun, though Berlin reports the repulse of French attacks on Dead Man Hill, on the West bank of the Meuse.

In a skirmish in Alsace, the Germans penetrated French trenches taking some prisoners, Berlin reported. The French claimed the repulse of these German attacks.

House Will Rush Plan for Defense

Leaders Clear Track so Army Reorganization May Be Taken Up Tomorrow.

House leaders today decided to brush aside all business and give a clear track to preparedness, responding to President Wilson's request. It was determined to take up the army reorganization bill tomorrow, despite protests of Chairman Burnett of the Immigration Committee, the leaders decided to side track the immigration measure in favor of the Hay bill.

Debate on the army bill was scheduled to begin tomorrow with session until it is taken up paragraph by paragraph. Dozens of speeches on preparedness were being prepared today.

The Senate Military Committee also today, expected to complete the report of the Chamberlain army reorganization bill, so both Senate and House may be discussing national defense simultaneously.

Pope Refuses Demand to Censure Belgian Cardinal

ROME, March 16.—Despite the reticence of the Vatican, it is known that the Pope has determined to refuse the demand of Germany to blame Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, for the publication of charges of atrocities by the Germans in Belgium. The Pope, it is said, is convinced these charges are well founded.

On this account Germany has now been warned that the Holy See will insist that the inviolability of Cardinal Mercier be respected, also that of his bishops in Belgium. The freedom of the apostolic ministry is not limited, since they are in duty bound to protect their flock.

The Pope's warnings, it is feared, will not be heeded by Germany, which has threatened reprisals against the bishops.

House Committee Plans To Probe Aero Service

By unanimous vote the House Military Committee today approved Congressional investigation of the army aviation corps. The committee favorably reported Senator Robinson's resolution ordering the inquiry.

ASYLUM HOSPITAL DISGRACE TO CITY, ASSERTS-NEWMAN

"Not a City in U. S. Which Has Worse Facilities for Care of Indigent Sick."

VIEW OF COMMISSIONER

Hopes for Relief During Present Session By Adequate Appropriation.

"I doubt if there is a city or town in the United States which has worse facilities than the District of Columbia for the care of its indigent sick."

This is what Oliver P. Newman, president of the Board of District Commissioners, has to say of the Washington Asylum Hospital, a description of which was given in The Sunday Times.

"Although I am by profession a newspaper man, and spent fourteen years at the writing trade," said Commissioner Newman, "I find it impossible to bring to my command language sufficiently strong to express my feelings on the subject of the Washington Asylum Hospital."

Depth of Disgrace.

"The statement of Senator Works in The Times, and the description of conditions at the hospital, in The Times article on Sunday afternoon, are wholly inadequate to create a correct impression of conditions. One must visit the hospital to realize the depth of the disgrace it imposes upon the National Capital."

"The officers in direct charge of the hospital, the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Health, and the Commissioners are doing their best to conduct a decent institution with the facilities at hand, but these facilities are so old, so unimproved, so dirty, inadequate, unwholesome, insanitary and unscientific that it is impossible to have a really creditable institution so long as we have to use them."

"It is literally true that our workhouse prisoners at Occoquan are infinitely better cared for than our indigent sick, who are in the hospital, and that they have not the means to enable them to go to a proper hospital."

"Disgraceful Shacks." "Practically every member of the District subcommittee on District appropriation bills, for the last ten years, has been cognizant of these conditions and has endeavored to correct them by getting an appropriation for an up-to-date hospital to take the place of the disgraceful shacks in which the municipal hospital is now conducted, but thus far they have failed. Another effort will be made by the subcommittee at this session, and I sincerely hope success will at last be achieved."

"I doubt if there is a city or town in the United States which has worse facilities than the District of Columbia for the treatment of its indigent sick. This, in spite of the fact that the city of Washington ought to have the best."

"My statements may seem strong but I challenge any person to arrive at a different conclusion if he will but go to the hospital and look at it with his own eyes."

Destroyer Stewart Reaches Ensenada

Advices to San Diego Say the Entire Peninsula Is Quiet.

No Trouble Expected.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—The United States destroyer Stewart arrived at Ensenada, Lower California, today. The entire peninsula was quiet according to telegraphic advices received here.

Ensenada heard of the American pursuit after Villa for the first time today from San Diego fishermen. Commander Freeman, of the torpedo boat, said the Stewart was expected to return here tonight.

The Stewart was ordered to Ensenada because 100 Americans feared the Carranza garrison would revolt and declare for Villa.

Stewart Sent Because Americans Apprehensive

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today that he had ordered Admiral Winslow, commanding the Pacific fleet, to send a torpedo-boat destroyer to Ensenada, Lower California, to safeguard American interests.

The action was taken at the request of Congressman Stephens of California, who had received telegraphic reports from San Diego that there was apprehension for the safety of Americans in Lower California.

Ensenada is sixty miles south of San Diego.

DUTCH LINER SINKS OFF HOLLAND COAST AFTER EXPLOSION

Mine Believed to Have Struck Big Vessel—All Passengers Rescued.

SAFETY OF 387 IS REPORTED

In South American Trade—Had Been in Commission for Less Than a Year.

LONDON, March 16.—The London office of the Royal Dutch Lloyd was informed today that the Tubantia struck a mine.

AMSTERDAM, March 16.—The Dutch liner Tubantia, carrying eighty-seven passengers and a crew of 300, sank off the Dutch coast today, three hours after she was wrecked by an explosion.

Though the liner's captain said she might have been torpedoed, it was reported to the company's offices that she struck a mine.

The passengers and crew are reported to have been saved.

Hole Near Stern

The Tubantia, the fastest and largest liner in South American service, struck shortly after midnight, twelve hours after leaving Amsterdam for Buenos Aires.

The explosion tore a great hole near the stern, and the liner's wireless immediately began sending out calls for help.

Passengers and crew were put over in the boats at once, and the sinking liner was abandoned.

Several Dutch torpedo boats and life-saving craft reached the scene shortly after daylight and began picking up survivors. Only the fact that the disaster occurred in a short distance of the Dutch coast prevented large loss of life.

Loaded With Rescued.

Two of the Tubantia's lifeboats, loaded with survivors, reached North Hinder lightship at about 11 a. m.

The Dutch steamer Kuykutu reports passing another Dutch steamer with many survivors aboard.

Though it is possible that some lives have been lost, advices to the company's offices express the belief that every person aboard the liner has been saved.

The value of the liner's cargo is not known.

The Tubantia sailed from Amsterdam yesterday noon for Buenos Aires, carrying a miscellaneous cargo and mail. She is the largest and fastest liner in the world.

The Tubantia displaced 13,511 tons, and is owned by the Royal Dutch Lloyd. She was completed less than a year ago, and has been in service only a few months. She is 540 feet long, has a 60-foot beam, and a depth of 33 feet.

The liner was built at Glasgow and fitted out elaborately as the pride of the company's fleet of liners. She has two decks and a shelter deck. Her commander is H. K. H. Wymse.

Tag Day Tomorrow For Infant Asylum

Women and Girls to Raise Funds for Carrying on Work of St. Anne's.

Tomorrow will be "Tag Day" for the benefit of the St. Anne's Infant Asylum. A corps of women and young girls interested in the institution will offer tags for sale on all the busy corners in the downtown section, in some of the larger stores and in front of the theaters and churches. There will be no fixed amount charged for the tags. Each person will be asked to pay what he or she feels like giving toward the fund and will be given a tag bearing the inscription, "Help the Babies of St. Anne's Infant Asylum." The funds raised will be used for the purchase of food and other articles necessary for the conduct of the institution.

Mrs. Samuel Pucker is chairman of the committee of women in charge of the sale of tags.

WALSH FAVORED FOR PLACE OF SHIVELY

Montanian May Be Placed on Foreign Relations Committee.

The question of who will be a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to succeed Senator Shively is attracting attention in Senate circles and curiosity is aroused by the international relations.

Senator Walsh of Montana is being urged for the place. He is strongly opposed to the English policy toward neutrals in trade. Senators who are of the same bent of mind are anxious to have Senator Walsh named.

Militia of Three States May Be Called Out Soon

SAN ANTONIO, March 16.—The national guard of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will soon be ordered to the border by the War Department, it was reliably stated at Fort Sam Houston today.

The troops will be used to protect such border communities as Brownsville, Laredo, and Presidio, Tex.; Douglas, Tucson and Bisbee, Ariz. The call may come before the end of the week.

Municipal officials of Arizona and New Mexico towns have made frantic appeals to General Funston for additional protection, fearing possible local uprisings on the part of resident Mexicans.

In every case General Funston has pointed out the local authorities requests for Federal assistance must come from the governor of the State wishing it.

General Funston regards the situation along the border as extremely acute.

MAIN U. S. COLUMN AT GUZMAN TODAY

Expeditionary Force to Spread From There in Effort to Envelope Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—"Somewhere in Mexico," the United States expedition is on Villa's trail today.

Early indications were that the vanguard of the American forces, numbering about 2,500 of all branches, would reach Guzman tonight. This town is on the Mexican Northwestern railway about sixty miles from Columbus, N. M., as the crow flies.

The "Fighting Thirtieth," under Colonel Slocum, is in the vanguard. A base will be established at Guzman, as supplies can be sent over the railroad from El Paso by way of Juarez.

The Carranzista authorities in Chihuahua, acting on General Carranza's orders given through War Minister Obregon, are co-operating with the American forces.

A report brought here late yesterday by Americans from Columbus that the vanguard met with slight opposition at Palomas, proved unfounded.

What progress another division of U. S. forces, reported to have entered Mexico east of Douglas, was making, is not known here today.

Unconfirmed reports were received that the Carranzista leaders in Sonora state were not inclined to cope with the American expedition.

An indication that this expedition had not yet started was received in the report that Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing (Continued on Second Page.)

Lieut. Zell Ends Life at Columbus

No Reason for Suicide Given in Report by General Funston.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—General Funston announced at noon that Lieutenant Zell committed suicide at Columbus, N. M., today. No reason is given.

Urges Immediate Repair Of Galveston Defenses

Declaring the work is of "urgent character and imperatively necessary," Secretary of War Baker today asked Congress to make a definite appropriation of \$300,000 to repair the seacoast defenses of Galveston.

The work would include injury to batteries, sea and retaining walls caused by the recent tornado and flood.

Redfield Designates Two Disbursing Officers

Philip S. Smith and W. A. Tucker, special agents of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Domestic Commerce, have been designated as special disbursing officers of the Department of Commerce by Secretary Redfield. Each has furnished \$5,000 bond.

In the Bureau of Standards Preston P. Patraw, a clerk, has resigned, and Edward O. Garrett has been temporarily appointed as laboratory assistant.

FEARING ATTACKS BY MEXICANS, TOWNS ON BORDER ASK FOR AID

American Colonies in Flight From Sonora and Coahuila With Consul—Carranzistas Charge Commander With Selling Out to United States.

SAN ANTONIO, March 16.—Grave apprehension is felt by army heads over the border situation.

"Extremely acute" is the way General Funston describes it.

Frantic appeals are coming in for protection from points all along the border.

All reports from the interior tell of Americans fleeing to the international line for safety.

The colony at Nacoari, in northern Sonora, and Torreon, in Coahuila, headed by Consul Williams, have decided to flee.

The situation opposite Douglas is regarded at headquarters here as particularly serious. General Calles and the Carranzista garrison there are aggressively anti-American, it is reported.

Carranza soldiers mobilized at Cabullona, eighteen miles south of Douglas, are reported to have informed Gov. E. P. Calles, of Sonora, that he has sold out to the Americans.

Presidio, Tex., opposite which point a Carranza garrison mutinied under Colonel Rojas, the Carranza commander, is another danger spot.

COMMANDER FRIENDLY TO UNITED STATES.

Near Brownsville the local Carranza commander is friendly to Americans and is said to have control over his troops.

Whether there will be serious clashes between American soldiers and Carranzistas depends upon the degree of control Carranza commanders are able to exert over their men.

To secure additional protection for border cities against sporadic attacks which may occur at any point along the thousands of miles of border, officials here believe the War Department will shortly advise the calling out of the National Guard in the three States affected.

General Funston at noon said the only word received from General Pershing was a "strength" report, outlining the forces under his command and their disposition. Funston refused to make this report public.

It was reported at Fort Sam Houston today that military forces many times larger than those under Pershing may shortly be involved in the Mexican campaign.

In order to facilitate the transmission of service news from Columbus to San Antonio headquarters, arrangements were made today for a lease wire, under Government control.

Troops to Establish Guzman Base Tonight

Four thousand American troops, comprising the vanguard of the expedition sent across the border in pursuit of Francisco Villa, will establish a base tonight at Laguna de Guzman, sixty miles south of the Mexican border.

Another column, sent out last night from Hachita, N. M., composed of about 1,500 cavalry and artillery troops, is approaching Laguna de Guzman by way of Asencion, where Villa made his first stand after his spectacular raid on Columbus.

By tomorrow the War Department expects to hear of skirmish engagements between Pershing's scouts and the out-

posts of the bandit chieftain, who was last reported in the Galeana district south of Laguna de Guzman, and west of the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes.

Seven army aeroplanes, which will be used as scouts in locating the Villistas, are expected to join Pershing's command tonight. Owing to the broken character of the country in which the campaign is to be waged, War Department officials are confident that the airplanes will be invaluable in protecting the American forces from ambushes.

Reports of the start of the expedition and the secret plans of Major General Funston, who is directing the campaign from army headquarters at San Antonio, were sent today to the